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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND TITO TO CZECHOSLAVAKIA?

1. SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT BERLIN
ECPC TITO AND BREZHNEV HAD AGREED LATTER WOULD VISIT
YUGOSLAVIA DURING OCTOBER. NO DATES HAD BEEN SET,
AND WITH TITO'S ILLNESS, VISIT HAS BEEN PUT OFF.
HE SAID THAT IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO DETER-
MINE FOR WHICH TIME PERIOD VISIT CAN BE RESCHEDULED.
CZECH COUNSELOR TOLD POL COUNS THAT SOVIET DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER RODIONOV COMING BELGRADE IN OCTOBER
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IN PART TO DISCUSS BREZHNEV VISIT. PRAVDA ARTICLE

CELEBRATING FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BREZHNEV-TITO VISIT
IN 1971 COULD BE DESIGNED TO CREATE FAVORABLE
ATMOSPHERE FOR SUCH A VISIT -- AT LEAST YUGOSLAVS
CLEARLY PLEASED BY ITS MENTION OF 1955 BELGRADE
DECLARATION WHICH SOVIETS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO
INCLUDE IN COMMUNIQUE AT TIME OF MINIC VISIT LAST
YEAR.

2. CZECH ALSO CLAIMED THAT FSFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
VILUS TOLD HIM LAST WEEK TITO STILL PLANNING VISIT
CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.
CZECH GAVE GENERAL VIEW IN BELGRADE THAT AT LEAST
TITO'S DOCTORS THINK THERE A NEED FOR HIM TO BE
CAREFUL EVEN IF TITO HIMSELF MAY NOT BE CONVINCED HE
SICK. ROMANIAN COUNSELOR HAD NOTED TO CZECH THAT
DURING CEAUSESCU VISIT TITO HAD TEA INSTEAD OF WINE
AND COGNAC IN HIS GLASS AND THAT HIS DIET WAS SEVERELY
RESTRICTED.
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